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WASHINGTON, June 7, 1984 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 2 totaled an estimated 16.8 billion ton-miles, 18.9 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Memorial Day holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 22 weeks of 1984 was an estimated 389.3 billion ton-miles, 16.2 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 2 totaled 372,280, 14.4 percent higher than last year, but 12.0 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 20.1 percent in the East, 9.9 percent in the South and 13.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1983, 16 of the 21 commodity groups showed increases. Coal loadings were up 23,469 cars (25.7 percent), and grain showed a gain of 4,350 cars (25.7 percent). Seventeen of the 21 groups decreased from the preceding non-holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 26 totaled 52,836 cars, up 13.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1983, and 88,786 trailers and/or containers, 10.1 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 21 weeks of the year was 1,062,110 cars, 18.3 percent higher than last year, and 1,833,808 trailers and/or containers, up 18.5 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/2/84:

	Loadings in Week ended June 2, 1984		Change from Corresponding Week 1983			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	21,308	I	4,350	25.7	D	1,863	8.7
Other farm products	3,838	I	304	8.6	I	15	0.4
Metallic ores	19,017	I	380	2.0	D	1,719	9.0
Coal	114,693	I	23,469	25.7	D	15,880	13.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,583	I	873	9.0	D	2,635	24.9
Nonmetallic minerals	11,415	I	715	6.7	I	832	7.3
Grain mill products	9,422	D	871	8.5	D	1,637	17.4
Food and kindred products	9,398	D	571	5.7	D	1,445	15.4
Primary forest products	13,004	D	407	3.0	D	1,182	9.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,597	I	131	2.0	D	1,370	20.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	14,737	I	187	1.3	D	585	4.0
Chemicals and allied products	22,117	I	2,155	10.8	D	5,157	23.3
Petroleum products	4,192	I	81	2.0	D	690	16.5
Stone, clay and glass products	10,433	I	491	4.9	D	1,766	16.9
Coke	5,802	I	587	11.3	I	84	1.4
Metals and products	10,620	I	2,606	32.5	I	54	0.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,356	I	1,877	12.1	D	2,916	16.8
Waste and scrap materials	8,795	I	1,952	28.5	D	1,798	20.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,968	D	1,193	16.7	D	602	10.1
All other carloads	52,785	I	9,651	22.4	D	10,349	19.6
LCL traffic	200	D	26	11.5	D	73	36.5
Total Cars Loaded	372,280	I	46,741	14.4	D	50,682	12.0
Corresponding week of 1983	325,539						

	1984	1983	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (22 weeks)	8,649,605	7,683,239	I 12.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
21 weeks ended May 26	372.5	320.9	I 16.1
Week ended June 2	16.8	14.2	I 18.9
22 weeks cumulative	389.3	335.1	I 16.2

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